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From: Information Control, OSO
Country: Germany (Russian Zone)
Subject: Russian Economic Orders to the SMA's in the Soviet Zone

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1. By order of Sokolovski, the following telegram was sent by Koval, Chief of the Economic Section at Karlshorst, to each SMA in the Soviet Zone early on 12 December 1947:
 - a. All stored trophy goods will be shipped on (sic, presumably to Russia). All number 8 trains will be made available. Such shipments have priority in all labor offices. Concentration camp inmates will be put to work immediately on loading details.
 - b. All wood stored in Mecklenburg will be shipped off. Addressees will request transportation from motor pools immediately.
 - c. The issuing of raw material to German firms will be stopped at once. Raw material will be sent back to Russia.
 - d. Stop all work on pending contracts with German firms, and ship off material stocked with these firms.
 - e. In all larger firms, control measures will be taken over raw material and finished goods, which will then be shipped off.
 - f. A report on the results will be submitted before 15 December 1947.
2. [redacted] Dubrovski of Saxony communicated that the labor shortage would hamper execution of the order, and that all railroad cars are being used to transport coal. He asked whether he should take laborers from the mines.
3. Kolesnichenko of Thuringia stated that the railroad car shortage and the wood transporting program would hinder execution.
4. A report from Saxony-Anhalt mentioned the extreme shortage of freight cars, and stated that the sugar campaign would be seriously threatened.
5. Heinrich Rau, Brandenburg Minister of Economic Affairs, saw Koval the same day and pointed out that the new order threatens the deliveries of potatoes, seeds, and sugar beets. Koval promised to do what he could.

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